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IN RE Toshiki TAYA, et al. ART UNIT: 1634  
APPLICATION  
OF:

SERIAL NO.: 09/865,579

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FILING DATE: May 29, 2001

FOR: OLIGONUCLEOTIDES AND METHOD FOR DETECTION OF  
MECA GENE OF METHICILLIN-RESISTANT  
STOPHYLOCOCCUS AUREUS

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Further to our Status Inquiry dated December 5, 2005, Applicants respectfully inquires as to the status of the above-referenced patent application which was filed May 29, 2001. The Issue Fee was paid on March 24, 2005. The last known correspondence that was received from the USPTO was A Notice of Allowance that issued on June 15, 2006. Please advise as to when the above-referenced application will issue.

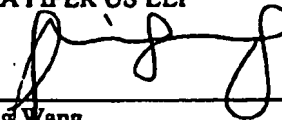
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